

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on May 4, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, 5 and 12, and have amended the remaining claims. Moreover, allowable claims 9 and 13 have been amended into independent form by incorporating therein the subject matter of base claim 1 and the respective intervening claims. Claims 9 and 13 are the independent claims, and claims 3, 4, 6 through 11, and 13 through 17 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Initially, it is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of original claims 9 and 13 as being allowable over the art of record. As noted above, claims 9 and 13 have been amended into independent form, with all of the claims remaining in the application now depending from either allowable claim 9 or 13. Thus, all of the Examiner's prior art rejections have been rendered moot.

The Examiner has also objected to various ones of the claims for informalities. These informalities have been corrected. It is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has also objected to the drawings for not illustrating a feature recited within original claim 13, as well as a feature recited within claim 16. In response, these claims have been editorially amended in a manner that

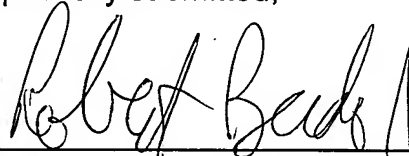
corresponds to the features shown within the original drawings. In particular, claim 13 has been amended to correspond to the features shown within Figure 5, which Figure illustrates the input shaft 380 of the reduction gear mechanism 17 penetrating through a through hole 93 of the driving pulley 410. Further, Figures 2, 3 and 5 of the original drawings illustrate the features of claim 16, and in particular, illustrate the cylindrical part 35 of the connecting housing 30 being inserted into the reduction gear housing 22. Since all of the features recited within the claims are now illustrated by the drawings, it is requested that these objections be withdrawn.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action, and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

Respectfully submitted,



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